Remarks

In addition to the amendments necessary to correct errors in the Examiner's Amendment, Applicants have currently amended the last parts of claims 95 and 213. After entry of this amendment, the claim language better states what is intended by the word "respectively" in the phrase "increases or decreases, respectively." The remaining amendments correct errors in the Examiner's Amendment.

None of the amendments add new matter. The amendments correct formal matters without changing the scope of the claims. Support for amended claims 112, 125, 138, 151, 164, 177, 190, 203, 217, 230, 243, 256, 282, 295, 308 and 321 may be found throughout the specification, *inter alia*, at page 50, paragraph 146.

Support for amended claims 95 and 213 may be found throughout the specification, *inter alia*, at pages 5-6, paragraphs 19-21, pages 38-39, paragraph 113, pages 45-46, paragraph 132, page 57, paragraph 165 and in claims 1 and 5 as filed.

Support for amended claim 223 may be found throughout the specification, *inter alia*, at page 46, paragraph 133.

Support for amended claim 296 may be found throughout the specification, *inter alia*, at page 50, paragraph 146 and in claim 8 as filed.

Support for amended claim 305 may be found throughout the specification, *inter alia*, at page 42, paragraph 124.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that this Amendment be entered. Reconsideration of this application and entry of the above Amendments are respectfully requested.

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